The "Skills Development for Research” project created by the British Council seeks to address the problems and needs presented in the development of skills of PhD students and early career researchers by increasing interdisciplinary research and meaningful collaboration between British and Mexican institutions of Higher Education, improving the professionalization of early career researchers and PhD students.

This case study seeks to support Mexican institutions to be part of a multidisciplinary and international working group that will develop a programme and its products aimed to benefit the quality of research in Mexico. The information presented in the case will help the British Council and other UK Education Institutions understand the current challenges that Mexico faces in the development of tools, methodologies and other contents that would allow Universities and Higher Education Institutions better prepared the next generation of early career researchers.

Please use the problem-oriented method to fulfil this template, this case study must analyse a real-life situation where existing problems need to be solved, we recommend you to bear in mind the following points:

* Relate the theory to a practical situation.
* Identify the problems in the analysed situation
* Focus the analysis on the root/main problem
* Formulate the problem on a negative state
* Don´t confuse the problem with the lack of a solution

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| **Name of the submitting organization** | If the case study is submitted by more than one organization, please indicate the name of **all** organizations. |
| **Region** | Specify the region where the Institution belongs to. |
| **Contact person at the submitting organization** | If the case study is submitted by more than one organization, please indicate only **one** main contact person. |
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| **Quantitative data** | Number of PhD programmes  Areas of the PhD programmes  Number of PhD assessors  Number of PHD students graduated on the last 3 years  Number of research published each year on the last 3 years  Certifications and partnerships with national or international Higher Education organization (Government, Higher Education Institutions, NGO’s) |
| **Baseline content** | About the institution:   1. Do you have experience developing interdisciplinary research? 2. What are the strategies used by your institution to promote the development of research skills in graduate students? describe it briefly 3. What are the tools used by your institution to promote the development of research skills in graduate students? Describe them briefly. 4. Name 3 strengths on the actions that your institution do to develop research skills.   About the challenge:   1. Provide a short brief of the challenge you are proposing. 2. Explain the background or context of the challenge. 3. Identify and describe the main problem you have faced for the optimal development of research skills 4. Identify and describe the problems or effects that derive from the main problem you described before. Repeat the process for each problem of effect that you find relates to the main problem. 5. Identify and describe the main causes for the challenge you selected previously. 6. Identify and describe the derive causes of the main causes you selected.  * Challenges can be related to: Students * Resources ( time, budget , working dynamics ) * Context * Pedagogies * Others |

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| **Short statement** | Please include a short statement explaining why you would like to be part of the project |

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| **Citations (full references, plus one line annotation per reference)** | What sources of information do you have to substantiate the above, please list and send: |
| Terms, acronyms and abbreviations | List of all the terms, acronyms and abbreviations used in the case study |
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